

## JOINT DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PLASTIC BUCKET AND LID** the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
☐ was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and accorded International Application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

### Prior Foreign Application(s)

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing (day month year)	Date of Issue (day month year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119

### Prior United States Provisional Application(s)

We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e)(1) of any U.S. provisional application listed below:

U.S. Provisional Application No.	Date of Filing (day month year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(1)
		Yes

### Prior United States Application(s)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Date of Filing (Day, Month, Year)	Status X Patented, Pending, Abandoned
10/002,346	25 October, 2001	Pending
09/590,227	8 June 2000	Abandoned
09/106,485	29 June, 1998	Issued
08/823,193	24 March 1997	Issued
08/798,511	10 February 1997	Abandoned
08/707,746	4 September 1996	Abandoned
08/262,916	21 June 1994	Abandoned

### Power of Attorney

And we hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the following at attorneys and agents, their registration numbers being listed after their names:

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